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SUBJECT:PAK REQUEST FOR ROCKEYES AND HELICOPTERS

, AS NOTED IN STATE 277804, THERE IS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT HERE WITH THE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT WE NOT PROVIDE P&A DATA ON ROCKEYES. WE SEE NO REASON, HOWEVER, TO HURRY IN PASSING ON THE TURNDOWN, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE GOP MIGHT (INCORRECTLY) LINK IT WITH OTHER ISSUES. WE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, TO PUT OFF SUCH NOTIFICATION UNTIL A LATER DATE UNLESS THE GOP PRESSES FOR AN ANSWER. WE WILL SEND SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TIMING QUESTION. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, WE PREFER NOT TO REPLY TO THE GOP AT THIS TIME ON THE HELICOPTER REQUEST. WE HAVE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING P&A DATA WITH THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROVISION OF SUCH DATA WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A DECISION TO SELL WERE THE GOP TO DECIDE TO SEEK TO PURCHASE. SUCH TREATMENT OF A P&A REQUEST WOULD RUN CONTRARY TO OUR GENERAL POLICY ON SUCH REQUESTS. IF THE GOP ASKS ABOUT THE STATUS OF ITS HELICOPTER REQUEST THE EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY THAT IT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION COULD COST US HELICOPTER SALES BUT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ARE OVERRIDING. IN ANY CASE OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE FRENCH SALE IS FAIRLY DEFINITE, THOUGH IT MAY NOT EXCLUDE A U.S. SALE AT SOME FUTURE DATE AS WELL. KISSINGER

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